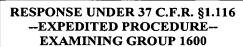


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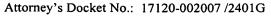
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed July 14, 2005, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of this amendment reduces the issues for appeal or places the case into condition for allowance. For example, the cancellation of claims 70, 72, 73 and 77-79 herein without prejudice or disclaimer obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. In addition, the amendment of claims 74 and 127 obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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